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DIARY NOTES

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4 September 1963

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

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a. [REDACTED] announced that our early retirement hearings would probably resume next week.

b. Mr. Kirkpatrick mentioned a letter from John Macy, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, announcing Commission sponsorship of a mid-career course in Congressional operations. (I assume that this will be coming through us to the Offices of Personnel and Training.)

c. The Director expressed his concern about the lack of uniform security procedures in the intelligence community and has requested that Bob Bannerman prepare a paper for him.

2. Jim Garrison advised me that the Office of Logistics was ready to proceed with the interior decorating in the Executive Dining Room but was awaiting word from the Fine Arts Commission as to just what they wanted to do and where the money was coming from. I told Jim to make sure [REDACTED] understood this. 25X1A9a

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3. I talked to [REDACTED] about assigning [REDACTED] as Special Support Assistant to the DD/S. He was agreeable but requested that Charlie's career service designation not be changed at the moment. 25X1A9a

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4. [REDACTED] were in to see me about DD/S participation in the mid-career course. I asked for a full day in which to make a DD/S presentation on our relations with other Federal agencies and in which there could be a brief presentation by each of the Support offices followed by a two- or three-hour panel session which I would chair.

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5. [REDACTED] were in to talk to me about a number of problems:

a. We first reviewed recruitment and placement progress and at the moment we are exceeding our recruitment objectives in all categories. In fact, if the Director does not increase the temporary ceiling limitation, we will have to slow down our efforts in order to avoid entering too many people on duty.

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b. I reviewed with them the plans for the recruiters and college associates conference, which I think looked very good indeed.

c. Harry advised me that we were in error in assuming that they had thirteen vacancies in the Office of Personnel. He said that they were, in fact, over their ceiling. I told him that, if this were the case, we should go ahead and ask for the four slots for the DENTA program. (I asked him to discuss this with [REDACTED])

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d. In reviewing with them the pre-employment invitee travel program, I found that we were bringing in professionals one time for a pre-employment interview whereas we were bringing in JOT's twice in addition to paying for the JOT's actual EOD travel. (I want to examine this with Bob Bannerman, Dr. Tietjen, and Emmett Echols to see if the JOT processing can also be done in one trip.)

e. Bob convinced me that it would not be feasible to establish a procedure whereby there would be a last-minute check with all of the interested components before any candidate actually traveled to Washington. I accepted Bob's explanation for the moment but warned him that, if there should be another flap such as we had in the [REDACTED] and one other case, he had better head for the tall timber. He explained that one of their problems in rejecting personnel was the delay in getting test results from the Medical Staff. I asked him to furnish me some statistics. (I want to take this up with Dr. Tietjen and see if this cannot be improved.)

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6. Mr. Kirkpatrick received a telephone call from Ralph Roberts, of the Department of State, requesting the loan of [REDACTED] from the Office of Logistics for three weeks to assist the Department of State in a survey of certain transportation and supply units. I checked this with [REDACTED] and told Kirk to tell Ralph Roberts that we would be glad to cooperate.

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7. I asked [REDACTED] whether he thought it would be worthwhile for the Agency to write a letter to the appropriate Congressional committee requesting that the retirement benefits of ex-military personnel on duty with the Agency be protected when considering the present dual-compensation bill. John said that he thought this was unnecessary and that we were already fully protected; however, he would take a more careful reading on the problem and let me know.

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8. John Tietjen advised me that Dr. [REDACTED] would definitely be leaving and that Dr. [REDACTED] would take his place. Dr. [REDACTED] while remaining physically located in the Clandestine Services, will be the Deputy Chief of the Psychiatric Division. John thought that Dr. [REDACTED] would leave on a perfectly friendly basis.

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25X1A9a I told John that, while I did not wish to inject myself into his negotiations with Dr. [REDACTED] at this time, I would like to see him alone a week or two prior to his actual departure.

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10. Mr. Kirkpatrick advised me today that he had been assigned the responsibility for deciding what to do about the Office of the Comptroller when John Bross leaves. He thought that my suggestion that a good part of the components be returned to DD/S supervision was an excellent one. I said that I was not an advocate but thought it was worthy of some consideration.

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